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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6792

BILL NUMBER: SB 354

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 23, 2014

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Hoosier Women Veterans Program.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Paul

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Hoosier Women Veterans Program to provide information and services to Indiana's women veterans.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill would require the Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA) to implement the Hoosier Women Veterans Program and hire a women veterans coordinator who would be responsible for the administration of the program under the direction and supervision of the director of the IDVA. The compensation of the coordinator would be about \$94,000, which includes fringe benefits and indirect costs. In addition to the coordinator's salary and benefits, other costs would include computing and communication equipment and mileage and travel reimbursement for the coordinator. Current IDVA personnel would provide support for the women veterans coordinator, so no additional staff would be hired.

The IDVA currently has a part-time coordinator to assist with women veterans' issues and programs. However, the bill's requirements represent an additional workload and expenditure by the IDVA outside of its routine administrative functions. The additional funds and resources required could be supplied through existing staff and resources currently being used in another program or with new appropriations. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend on legislative and administrative actions.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Local Agencies Affected:

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